

# NEIGHBORSPACE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, INC.

IMPROVING TREE CANOPY ON NEIGHBORSPACE SITES INSIDE BALTIMORE COUNTY'S URDL 2022

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**AWARDED AMOUNT**

\$8,594.00

**NUMBER OF TREES**

31



## PROJECT SUMMARY

The project goals include adding shade and enhancing user enjoyment of three park sites, along with improving the management of stormwater on those same sites. The sites include: Powhatan Park and Chestnut St. Park. The sites were selected using the NeighborSpace GIS model, which ranks conservation projects based on their prospect for improving livability. All of these sites rank highly on improving access to open space for vulnerable populations and opportunities for reforestation. The trees have been specified already in accordance with established park designs. The only planning is to work with each of the stewardship partners to pick appropriate dates for the tree plantings, which would like take place in fall 2022.

As revealed in the demographics section below, the communities who will benefit from the projects are largely residential and black. In each case, there are over 200 households within walking distance of the parks where trees will be planted. Powhatan Park exists in a neighborhood where there is low park equity for kids, as shown by the Md. Park Equity mapper. In Turner Station, the residents who will benefit are those who have suffered from years of degradation of the environment around them. In the course of public deliberations over the development of a liquefied natural gas import facility and gas pipeline at Sparrows Point in 2006, a group known as the African American Environmentalist Association (AAEA) advocated on behalf of Turner Station residents.

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